Massachusetts Archaeological Society

1939-1989

50th Anniversary Program

APRIL 15-16, 1989
Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Archaeology

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1989

MORNING

8:00 **REGISTRATION** — Boyden Hall *(coffee & pastry)*

9:00 **WELCOME** — Boyden Hall
Ms. Janice M. Weeks,
Chairperson M.A.S. 50th Anniversary
Dr. Jacquelyn Madry-Taylor,
Acting Vice-President Academic Affairs
Bridgewater State College
Ms. Ruth Warfield, President of the
Massachusetts Archaeological Society

9:15 **NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGISTS**
Mr. Paul Robinson, RI
"The Archaeology of Rhode Island's Salt Pond Region: Past, Present and Future"
Dr. Nicholas F. Bellantoni, CT
"The Newly Funded Office of the State of Connecticut Archaeologist"
Dr. Gary W. Hume, NH
"New Hampshire SCRAP: The State Conservation Rescue Archaeology Program"
Dr. James B. Petersen, ME
"Overview of Recent Consulting Archaeological Projects"
Mr. David Skinas, VT
"Vermont Underwater Historic Preservation Program: Challenges, Benefits and Problems"
Dr. Phillip Lord, NY
"Transportation Archaeology and the New York State Museum"
Ms. Brona Simon, MA
"Massachusetts Archaeology: A Commonwealth Uncovered, A Commonwealth Preserved"

10:40 **BREAK** *(coffee, tea and cold beverages)*

11:00 **NORTHEASTERN STATE SOCIETIES**
Mr. Richard Doyle, ME
"Some Recent Archaeological Field Work Activities in the State of Maine"
Ms. Louise Basa, VT
"20 Years of Accomplishments by the Vermont Archaeology Society"
Ms. Patricia Hume, NH
"SCRAP, A Unique State Program, and its Relationship to the New Hampshire Archaeological Society"
Mr. Arthur Iannelli, RI
"Preservation of a Rhode Island Soapstone Quarry"
Mr. John Pfeiffer, CT
"The Fitzgerald Site: A Salvage Excavation in Niantic, Connecticut"
Ms. Ruth Warfield, MA
"Artifacts to Go: Moving the Massachusetts Archaeological Society's Bronson Museum"

AFTERNOON

12:15 **LUNCH** — The Campus Center
(Exhibits — Sales Tables — Videos)

1:45 **OPEN AIR MUSEUMS — CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGY** — Boyden Hall
Dr. John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village
"Excavation, Experimentation, Interpretation: Archaeology and Living History at Old Sturbridge Village"

AFTERNOON — *continued*

Ms. Rita Reinke, Univ. of MA, Amherst
"Below Ground Museum: Archaeology at Old Deerfield"
Ms. Elizabeth Lodge, Plimoth Plantation
"Archaeological Collections at Plimoth Plantation"
Ms. Gail Temple, MA Dept. of Environmental Management
"Archaeology in the Massachusetts Forest and Parks System"
Mr. Alan Leveillee, Public Archaeology Lab.
"Past, Present and Future of Contract Archaeology"
Mr. Michael Roberts, Time Lines
"Future Directions in Massachusetts Archaeology"
Dr. Mitchell T. Mulholland, Univ. of MA, Amherst Archaeological Services
"Archaeology for the Public"
Dr. Ricardo Elia, B.U. Boston Office of Public Archaeology "The Dig Before the Big Dig: Archaeological Investigations of the Central Artery Project in Boston"

3:25 **BREAK** *(coffee, tea and cold beverages)*

3:45 **MUSEUMS**
Dr. Mary Lou Curran, Peabody Museum, Salem
"The Peabody Museum and Early Sites Research"
Ms. Barbara Robinson,
Commonwealth Museum "Unearthing Treasures: The Massachusetts Archives"
Mr. John P. Pretola, Springfield Science Museum "Keeping the Faith in the West: 130 Years of Archaeology in Springfield"
Mr. James H. Wait, Massachusetts Archaeological Society Vice President
"The Massachusetts Archaeological Society Museum: Past, Present and Future of the Robbins Museum of Archaeology"

EVENING

4:30 **SOCIAL/EXHIBITS** — Campus Center
(cash bar, free hors d'oeuvres, videos, exhibits, publications for sale, raffle tickets for the 50th Anniversary Marshalltown Trowels)

6:00 **BANQUET** — Campus Center
Dr. Dena F. Dincauze, President of S.A.A.
"Greetings from the Society for American Archaeology"
Mr. Earl Lubensky, Missouri Archaeological Society "An Association of Archaeological Societies: Promises and Problems"

8:00 **GUEST SPEAKER:**
Dr. James Tuck
Memorial University Newfoundland, St. John's Newfoundland, Canada
RED BAY LABRADOR: World Whaling Capital A.D. 1550-1600

9:00 **RAFFLE:** M.A.S. 50th Anniversary Marshalltown Trowels

REGISTRATION AND COSTS

A. REGISTRATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

		No. of tickets	*Cost*
Registration Fee	$25	_____	_____
M.A.S. Members	$20	_____	_____
Senior Citizens	$20	_____	_____
Students with valid ID's	$15	_____	_____

TOTAL (A) _____

B. MEAL PACKAGE

Meal reservations must be received by April 7, 1989.

Saturday Lunch ..... $6.00 per person _____
Soup, sandwich, salad, drink and dessert

Saturday Banquet (6:00 p.m.) .... $15.00 per person _____
Fresh fruit medley, choose one of the following:
☐ Chicken Marsala, ☐ Roast Beef Jardiniere, ☐ Vegetarian.
Broccoli with cheese sauce, tossed garden salad, roll,
butter, beverage, ice cream and cake.
Saturday Banquet seating limited to first 350 applicants

Sunday Noon Banquet ..... $12.00 per person _____
Baked Chicken, Swedish Meatballs, rice with mushrooms,
vegetables, tossed salad, macaroni salad, rolls,
butter, beverage, chocolate or creme de Menthe parfaits
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TOTAL MEALS (B) _____

C. MUSEUM FIELD TRIPS (Optional) NO CHARGE

Kendall Whaling Museum, Sharon, MA..... _____
Haffenreffer Museum, Bristol, RI ..... _____
Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA..... _____
Robert S. Peabody Foundation Museum, Andover, MA... _____
Suggested Museum donation of $2.00 per person ..... _____

TOTAL (C) _____

D. MEMBERSHIP (Optional)

in the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Inc.

☐ Yes, I would like to join the M.A.S.
$10.00 (Annual Fee)..... _____

Membership benefits include a discount on registration fee(s), two *Bulletins*, three *Newsletters* a year, special programs and events, and access to the Robbins Museum and the Library.

The object of the Society will be to stimulate the study of Archaeology, particularly in Massachusetts; to promote and encourage scientific research in this field; to conserve archaeological sites, data, and artifacts; to assist in the dissemination of archaeological information; to seek through education to substitute intelligent work for careless and misdirected archaeological activity; to seek to prevent the collection of archaeological specimens for commercial purposes; to serve as a bond among all students of archaeology, and to foster a more rational public understanding of the aims and limits of archaeological research.

☐ I subscribe to the purposes of the Society and hereby apply for election as a member.

Signed: _____

TOTAL (D) _____

TOTAL (A + B + C + D) _____

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MAIL TO: 50th Anniversary M.A.S.
c/o Dr. Curtiss Hoffman, Dept. of Soc. & Anthro.
Bridgewater State College
Bridgewater, MA 02324

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9:00 **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Ms. Janice M. Weeks,
Chairperson M.A.S. 50th Anniversary

9:05 **THE FORMING OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISTRICT**
Ms. Jacqueline Tidman,
Westborough Historical Comm.
"Introduction to Cedar Swamp District"
Dr. Curtiss Hoffman, Bridgewater State College
"The Prehistory of Cedar Swamp"
Ms. Leslie Sneddon, Univ. of MA, Boston
"Pollen Core from Cedar Swamp"
Ms. Tonya Largy, Consultant in Archaeological Botany, Harvard University
"Paleobotanical Clues from Cedar Swamp"

10:15 **BREAK** *(coffee, tea & cold beverages)*

10:30 *Continued*
Dr. Anders Rhodin, Research Associate in Herpetology, Harvard University
"Turtle Remains from Cedar Swamp"
Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, CT State Archaeologist
"Faunal Recoveries from Cedar Swamp"
Mr. Alan Leveillee, Public Archaeology Lab.
"The Conrail Site: Using the Cedar Swamp District National Register Nomination"
Dr. Barbara Luedtke, Univ. of MA, Harbor Campus "The Boston Harbor Islands National Register District"

11:50 **EXHIBITS** — Campus Center
(displays, exhibits, publications for sale)

AFTERNOON

12:00 **BANQUET** — Campus Center

1:15 ***Mr. Eugene Winter,*** Lowell, MA
"Report of the First Massachusetts Archaeological Society Meeting March 1939

AWARDS

1:30 **GUEST SPEAKER:**
Dr. Robert McGhee
Canadian Museum of Civilization
Ottawa, Canada

Norsemen and Native North Americans: Or Why the Mediaeval Norse Didn't Settle North America

2:30 **MUSEUMS: Field Trip Announcements**
Kendall Whaling Museum, Sharon, MA
Haffenreffer Museum, Bristol, RI
Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA
Robert S. Peabody Foundation Museum, Andover, MA

2:30-3:30 **STATE PLANNING MEETING**
Each state is requested to have three members of their Archaeology Society board attend the meeting. The purpose is to discuss:

- Exchange of state publications.
- Coordination in scheduling of state meetings so that members from other states can attend.
- Planning another New England States meeting.

Massachusetts Archaeological Society

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Directions to Bridgewater

FROM THE NORTH —

(A) Rt. 24 (South) to Rt. 106 (East) to Center of Bridgewater (Rotary);
OR
Rt. 28 (South) to Center of Bridgewater (Rotary).

(B) At Rotary turn right on Rt. 104, go one block and turn right (on to Summer Street).

(C) Look for MAS 50th signs (logo with directional arrows) which will direct you to parking lots.

FROM THE SOUTH —

(A) Rt. 25 (North) or Rt. 24 (North) to Rt. 104 (East).

(B) Rt. 104 (East) to Center of Bridgewater (Rotary).

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FROM THE WEST —

(A) Mass. Pike (Rt. 90) to Rt. 495 (South).

(B) Rt. 495 (South) to Rt. 24 (North).

(C) Rt. 24 (North) one exit to Rt. 104.

(D) Rt. 104 to Center of Bridgewater (Rotary).

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Archaeology

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The Massachusetts Archaeological Society announces its 50th anniversary program to be held on April 15-16, 1989 at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

On Saturday morning, March 25, 1939, the organizational meeting of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society (M.A.S.) was held at the Museum of the Robert S. Peabody Foundation in Andover, MA. The constitution and by-laws were completed and election of officers and trustees was held. A list of members was recorded. *"It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given to Messrs. Douglas Byers, Frederick Johnson and Maurice Robbins for their work which made possible the organizing of the M.A.S."*

What has happened in archaeology in the last fifty years? For answers the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society turned to the archaeological societies and the state archaeologists of the New England States and New York to join us in the celebration of our 50th anniversary.

It is with great pride that we offer our 50th Anniversary program, **ARCHAEOLOGY — Past, Present and Future**, the result of a cooperative effort of professional and amateur societies of the Northeast. Saturday morning professional state archaeologists will report on the highlights of their archaeological activities. Each state amateur society will tell its story. The afternoon program will include speakers from museums and contract archaeology organizations.

The Sunday morning program will tell the exciting story of the formation of an Archaeological District by a local M.A.S. Chapter in cooperation with professionals using an interdisciplinary approach.

Two prominent international speakers will address the group at our banquets. Saturday evening Dr. James Tuck of Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada will talk on ***"Red Bay, Labrador: World Whaling Capital A.D. 1550-1600."*** Each year as many as fifteen or more ships sailed to Red Bay from the Basque provinces of France and Spain to hunt bowhead and right whales in the Strait of Belle Isle. Some ship owners and whalers made fortunes in the New World's first oil boom. Others were not as fortunate: lives were lost and ships were sunk at Red Bay and elsewhere along the Labrador coast.

At the Sunday noon banquet Dr. Robert McGhee, of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, Canada, will talk on ***"Norsemen and Native North Americans: or why the mediaeval Norse didn't settle North America."*** Two obscure Icelandic sagas provided evidence that Norse explorers had discovered North America 500 years before Columbus. Investigation into this theory continued for 150 years intriguing historians, literary scholars, archaeologists and laymen alike. As recently as a generation ago, few professionals were willing to join the hunt or risk their reputations as no genuine archaeological artifacts had been found in more than a century of searching. The last thirty years, however, have produced a new wave of archaeological discovery which has validated the literary documentation and brought new respect to this hypothesis.

Other features of the program include displays of artifacts, exhibits, publications for sale, archaeological videos, and a raffle of 40 engraved M.A.S. 50th Anniversary Marshalltown Trowels. Field trips are scheduled on Sunday afternoon to the Kendall Whaling Museum, Haffenreffer Museum, Plimoth Plantation and the Robert S. Peabody Foundation Museum.

The registration fee has been kept very low so that all can attend, and includes coffee, tea, punch and pastry on both Saturday and Sunday, plus free hors d'oeuvres at the cash bar on Saturday evening. Excellent meals have been arranged. There will be unlimited seating Saturday noon. The Saturday and Sunday banquets have seating limited to 350. All participants of the conference are of course welcome to hear our outstanding banquet speakers. Registrations and payment for the program and meals must be received by April 7, 1989.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fiftieth Anniversary Program